

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan. The Board Meeting was accessible to the public via GoToMeeting Conference Call.

Chairman Aschbacher called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Aschbacher, Vice-Chairman Randy Bjork, Commissioner Mark Asselin, Commissioner Dustin Stempki, and Commissioner Dennis Stanek.

ABSENT: None

It was moved by Commissioner Asselin, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to nominate Commissioner Bob Aschbacher to serve as Chairman for 2021, and to cast a unanimous ballot for such. It was asked three times if there were any other nominations and there being none, the motion was voted on.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Stempki to nominate Commissioner Randy Bjork to serve as Vice Chairman for 2021, and to cast a unanimous ballot for such. It was asked three times if there were any other nominations and there being none, the motion was voted on.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Chairman Aschbacher moved to approve the Agenda as printed.

Pending the correction of two spelling errors on the December 8th 2020 Minutes, Chairman Aschbacher moved to approve the minutes of the December 8th, 2020 Regular Meeting & December 15th 2020 Special Meeting as proposed.

Gust Junttila, Project Manager from UP Engineers was present to discuss the UP-Engineering Contract renewal, after discussion the Board requested to have the new contract for two years, with the possibility to amend or extend rates after that point. Gust will bring it to the UP-Engineering Board and get back to the Road Commission.

Manager Jody Norman gave an administration update:

Due to lack of snow, employees have been focusing on clearing the right of way on the MDOT system. On our system they have been patching & mowing dead debris from spraying this summer. Delta Door will be at the District 1 garage this week to install a new gate and receivers, the drivers will be getting new remotes shortly. Jody intends to give remotes to the Sheriff Department as well, so they can access our fuel system. The invoice for truck 498 which was sent for new frame rails came, it was a fair price versus purchasing a replacement truck. It has extended the life of 498 quite considerably. Jody met with Denise Donohue, the Director of the County Road Association this past week, he stated there will be an article about the Road Commission in an upcoming issue of their Crossroads Magazine. Jody discussed the Administrative Employee contracts with the Commissioners, they will all be up in April. Jody also discussed the accumulated points on the Road Commission's Visa card, they need to be used specifically on the rewards site. He would like to use them for items for a raffle at the next employee gathering. The Commissioners agreed.

Under Unfinished Business, it was moved by Chairman Aschbacher, seconded by Commissioner Asselin to approve both the Supervisory & Non-Supervisory Union Contract changes as presented.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

**Commissioner Stempki abstained from this vote.*

Policy #16 – The changes to the Pollution Incident Prevention Plan (PIPP) were reviewed and approved. Pending adding the underlined change: *“The Delta County Road Commission is a road maintenance agency consisting of two district garages and three outlying garages (The Wells Garage is currently scheduled for decommission)”*

It was moved by Commissioner Asselin, seconded by Vice-Chairman Bjork to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2563 in the amount of \$365,596.27 & No. 2564 in the amount of \$201,400.22 & Payroll Voucher No. 69121 in the amount of \$72,751.34 & No. 69122 in the amount of \$79,078.95 as presented and reviewed.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek – Yes
Commissioner Stempki – Yes
Chairman Aschbacher – Yes
Vice-Chairman Bjork – Yes
Commissioner Asselin – Yes

It was moved by Vice-Chairman Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approved the Project/Material Agreements for Bay De Noc & Rapid River Schools.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Vice-Chairman Bjork to vote for Doug Mills for the CRA Board of Directors.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Asselin:

WHEREAS, David Karl having served the Delta County Road Commission for 11 years and 5 Months, retiring on January 11, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, David Karl being a dedicated public servant and has ended his career by retirement from the Delta County Road Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delta County Road Commission pay tribute to David Karl at its regular meeting on January 12, 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that David Karl is herewith wished a long and happy retirement and that a copy of this resolution be made a permanent record of the Delta County Road Commission.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Aschbacher moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm.

Robert Aschbacher, Chairman

Samantha Grau, Deputy County Clerk